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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with counterpart International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/10628. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on February 23, 2005. An English version of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed herein. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

WO 00/34526 A1

WO 00/34319 A1

WO 01/27150 A2

WO 02/059309 A2

WIEDENMANN J et al., Cracks in the beta-can: fluorescent proteins from *Anemonia sulcata* (Anthozoa, Actinaria), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 2000, Vol. 97(26), pages 14091-14096.

TSIEN, R.Y. (1998) Ann. Rev. Biochem., Vol. 67, pages 509-544. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In addition, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner, the following U.S. Applications which are related to the present application. Copies of the U.S. Patent Applications are not enclosed herein.

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/516,314; and

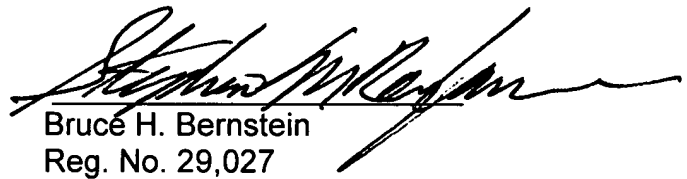
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/516,317.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is

crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there are any comments or questions, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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